



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 8, 2006

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE WM-5

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**INCREASE DESIGNATION IN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FUND FOR  
SUN VALLEY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND REPLENISHMENT PROJECT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
4 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Approve an increase of \$3,500,000 in the current designation from \$8,000,000 to \$11,500,000 offset by a decrease in services and supplies in the Flood Control District Fund in Fiscal Year 2005-06 for the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment project.
2. Approve changes to the proposed Flood Control District Fund budget in Fiscal Year 2006-07 to reflect the increase of \$3,500,000 in the designation account for this project from \$8,000,000 to \$11,500,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This designation will allow Public Works to set aside funds for exceptionally large infrastructure improvement projects, which are too costly to finance in any single year. Currently, the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment project is estimated to cost approximately \$170,000,000. Some financing is expected to be available from Federal, State, or local sources, but a significant portion of the financing will be needed from the Flood Control District.

The Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment project is a pilot project intended to solve severe flooding conditions by retrofitting a highly developed urban watershed with nontraditional structural Best Management Practices. These include retaining stormwater runoff from the watershed, reducing stormwater pollution, and increasing water conservation.

The Sun Valley Management and Replenishment project involves a 4.4-square-mile urban watershed, which drains into the Los Angeles River. The Sun Valley community (Supervisory District 3) has been subject to chronic flooding conditions in the watershed for many years. Traditionally, flood control agencies construct single-purpose storm drains to resolve the flooding conditions. In November 1998, Public Works convened the Sun Valley Watershed Stakeholders Group (SVWSG) to determine if it is technically feasible to solve the flooding problems within the Sun Valley Watershed while achieving multiple objectives. The SVWSG determined it is feasible to use structural Best Management Practices to capture all the storm runoff in the watershed. This work will consist of multiple concepts/pilot projects, designs and specifications, consulting work, land acquisition, and construction.

#### **Implementation of County Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as this recommendation will provide sufficient funds to continue maintaining our flood control system in a safe and effective operating condition. It also satisfies the goal of Service Excellence since maintaining our flood control facilities provides flood protection to residents in the County.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The current cost estimate for the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment project is \$170,000,000. This project will be financed by setting aside funds in the Flood Control District on a year-to-year basis depending on availability. Public Works will also continue to seek Federal and State grants and pursue local financing to partially reimburse the cost of this project. The enclosed Appropriation Adjustment for \$3,500,000 will increase the existing designation of \$8,000,000 to \$11,500,000 in the Flood Control District Fund in Fiscal Year 2005-06.

Your Board's approval will also allow a change to the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Fund budget by increasing the designation account from \$8,000,000 to \$11,500,000 for this project.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed Appropriation Adjustment has been reviewed by the Chief Administrative Office and the Auditor-Controller.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

A Program Environmental Impact Report for the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment project was approved by your Board on June 29, 2004.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this designation will have no negative impact on current County services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Auditor-Controller  
Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

NO. 690

May 30, 2006

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

**FISCAL YEAR 2005-06**  
**4-VOTE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**SOURCES**

Department of Public Works  
Flood Control District Fund  
Services and Supplies  
B07 - PW - 47000 - 2000 - \$3,500,000

**USES**

Department of Public Works  
Flood Control District Fund  
Designation for Sun Valley Watershed  
B07 - 3063 - \$3,500,000  
PW-47000

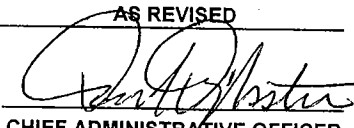
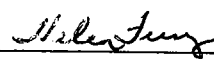
**JUSTIFICATION**

This adjustment is necessary to provide additional financing in a designated account for the Sun Valley Watershed project, as per the attached Board Letter.

(Control No. 06-21)

  
DONALD L. WOLFE, Director

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR---	ACTION	APPROVED AS REQUESTED	AS REVISED
✓ RECOMMENDATION		MAY 31, 2006	 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY  NO. 380	5-31-06	APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	BY DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK